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Mr. Michael E. Powell
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th St., S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20544

In the Matter of: *Nomination for the Universal Service Administrative Company Board of Directors FCC Docket Nos. 97-21 and 96-45*

Dear Chairman Powell:

We, the undersigned national public and private schools and library associations of Education and Library Networks Coalition (EdLiNC), that represent millions of students, teachers, school board members, administrators, and lifelong learners, enthusiastically endorse the nomination of Dr. Anne Bryant, executive director of the National School Boards Association to serve on the Universal Service Administrative Company Board of Directors (USAC) representing schools eligible to receive support from the Universal Service Program.

Dr. Bryant has served on the USAC Board since its inception and most recently served as the treasurer. During this time, Dr. Bryant has been an active contributor to the Schools and Libraries Committee of the USAC. She is a constant voice that helps to balance school and library needs in the context of the program's overall integrity. She has demonstrated vision beyond the schools and libraries committee with her contributions and insight to address the issues for high-cost, low-income, and rural health care programs. As a member of the Executive Committee she has met with members of Congress and the Federal Communications Commission to address specific challenges and opportunities regarding the E-Rate program and other items of concern to the USAC Board.

As the executive director of the National School Boards Association she has overseen the highly respected Technology + Learning Conference, an annual event that brings educators from across the country together to showcase, learn, and collaborate about the latest education technology issues. She has also overseen ITTE: Education

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Technology Programs, which serve nearly 600 of the most technologically advanced school districts. This conference and the ITTE programs support and display best practices of the integration of technology into the classroom and administration to enhance education for children while enriching the professional development of administrators and instructors.

Finally, Dr. Bryant is a strong advocate for the promise and benefit of the E-Rate Program, while continuing to help the Schools and Libraries Committee realize the importance of streamlining and accountability so vital to the program's success.

Dr. Bryant's diligence, hard work, and vision across the corporation have greatly enriched the work performed by USAC. Her continued service on the USAC Board provides continuity and leadership for the corporation, while providing substantial knowledge and experience to lead fellow board members. For these reasons, we respectfully request your approval of Dr. Bryant's nomination to the USAC Board of Directors representing schools eligible for support from the Universal Service Program.

Sincerely,

Education and Library Networks Coalition (EdLiNC)
American Association of School Administrators
American Federation of Teachers
American Library Association
Association of Educational Service Agencies
Consortium for School Networking
Council of Chief State School Officers
International Society for Technology in Education
National Association of Independent Schools
National Association of State Boards of Education
National Catholic Educational Association
National Education Association
National Education Knowledge Industry Association
National Rural Education Association
National School Boards Association

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through School Board
Leadership*

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

1996-Present

Executive Director

NATIONAL SCHOOL BOARDS ASSOCIATION (NSBA)
NATIONAL SCHOOL BOARDS FOUNDATION (NSBF)

Job Responsibilities

- directs 150 member staff
- manages consolidated budgets of \$25 million (2 corporations)
- develops strategic plans, goal setting, and budgets
- testifies before Congress in areas of top priority to association
- speaks to internal (53 state and territorial organizations) and external audiences
- serves as a media spokesperson for the organization
- seeks corporate and foundation support for NSBA programs

NSBA is a federation of 53 state and territorial organizations, dedicated to advancing education through citizen governance of public schools. The federation reaches 14,500 school board districts, including 95,000 school board members.

NSBF was launched in 1995 to encourage and prepare local school board members to become catalysts for educational change and agents for systemic reform in the public schools so that all students will be prepared to meet the challenges of tomorrow. Its focus for 1998-2000 is on technology and learning, urban education, and research on school governance.

NSBA incorporates several strategically aligned organizations: the Council of Urban Boards of Education, Council of School Attorneys (3,000 lawyers who serve school districts), the National Caucus of Black School Board Members, the National Caucus of Hispanic School Board Members, and the National Caucus of American Indian/Alaska Native School Board Members.

National School Boards Association

1680 Duke Street ■ Alexandria, Virginia 22314-3493 ■ (703) 838-NSBA ■ FAX: (703) 683-7590 ■ <http://www.nsba.org>

1986-1996

Executive Director

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN (AAUW)
AAUW EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION
AAUW LEGAL ADVOCACY FUND

AAUW has a membership of 160,000 college and university graduates, a local branch (chapter) system in 1,700 communities, and 850 college and university members. It is one of the oldest and largest women's organizations devoted to advancing equity and education for women and girls. The AAUW Educational Foundation and Legal Advocacy Fund are the philanthropic arms of the organization. Together there are 120 staff and total budgets for all three corporations of \$14.4 million. Assets of the three corporations are over \$100 million.

The American Association of University Women, founded in 1881, focuses on promoting education and equity for women and girls. Through its national, state, and local organizations it works on such issues as: educational reform, civil rights, equal pay for equal work, reproductive rights, and vocational and higher education.

The AAUW Educational Foundation awards fellowships, research, and community action grants to international and American women scholars, public school teachers, and community organizations. The Foundation administers a \$4 million annual program and grant budget.

The AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund provides funding for women students, faculty, and staff seeking judicial redress for discrimination in higher education.

1978-1986

Vice President, Professional Education Division

P.M. HAEGER AND ASSOCIATES, INC.

500 NORTH MICHIGAN AVENUE

CHICAGO, IL 60611

P.M. Haeger and Associates, Inc. provided overall management services to several professional associations. Its client list included the National Association of Bank Women and its Educational Foundation, the International Association of Auditorium Managers and its Foundation, the American Women's Society of Certified Public Accountants, the American Association of Diabetes Educators, the Committee of 200 (women business owners), and an association of specialist surgeons. The company billed \$5 million and had 70 employees.

Job Responsibilities:

- directed leadership and management training programs for clients
- consulted with both client and non-client associations and industries in areas of strategic and long-range planning
- functioned as the #2 (administrative) manager of the firm reporting to the president

1972-1974

Assistant to the Academic Dean
SPRINGFIELD TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE
SPRINGFIELD, MA

Job Responsibilities: (part time while in graduate school)

- developed proposals for federal and state government funding
- assisted in selecting staff to run projects and developed cooperative programs between the college and the University of Massachusetts, Amherst

Memberships and Appointments

Current:

Universal Service Administrative Company (which oversees the Schools & Libraries Division)

- Oversees a \$2.25 billion discount program established by the FCC to offer discounted telephone and wiring to all K-12 schools and libraries

Board of Directors

1997-Present

Treasurer

2000-Present

Learning First Alliance

- An alliance of 12 education organizations committed to raising student achievement in America's public schools

Member, Steering Committee

1997-Present

Chair, Steering Committee

1998-1999

CEO Forum on Education & Technology

1997-Present

- An organization of 20+ technology CEO's assembled to report to the nation on progress in technology and education.

Co-chair

1997, 2000-2001

Simmons College, Boston, MA

Board Member, Simmons College Corporation

1971-Present

Chair, Board of Trustees

2001-2003

United Nations Association of the USA, New York, NY

Board of Directors

1988-1991

Board of Governors

1991-1997

Chair, Nominating Committee

1993-1994

Member, Finance Committee

1995-1996

American Society of Association Executives, Washington, DC	1975-Present
Board of Directors	1985-1988
Board of Directors, ASAE Foundation	1988-1991
Treasurer, ASAE Foundation	1990-1991
Member, Nominating Committee	1997
Education Commission of the States, Denver, CO	
Advisory Commissioner	1986-Present
Heritage College, Toppenish, WA	
Member, National Advisory Committee for Focus Five Campaign	1991-1996
Scholastic Inc.	
Member, National Advisory Board	1997-1999
Mississippi University for Women, Columbus, MS	
National Advisory Council	1991-Present
Women's Forum of Washington, DC	1993-Present
Baldrige Board of Overseers	1998-Present
National Commission on Service Learning, chaired by Senator John Glenn	
Member	2000-2001

Memberships and Appointments

Past:

Hospital Corporation of America, Nashville, TN	
Board of Directors (merger with Columbia February 1994)	1993-1994
Independent Sector, Washington, DC	
Board of Directors	1988-1994
Chair, Management Committee	1991-1993
National Coalition for Women and Girls in Education, Washington, DC	
Vice-Chair	1989-1991
Chair	1991-1993

Washington Center (College Internship Program), Washington, DC Board of Directors	1986-1992
American Association for Higher Education, Washington, DC Director	1980-1987
Council for Adult and Experiential Learning, Chicago, IL Chairman, Board of Trustees	1980-1987 1985-1986
Chicago Finance Exchange, Chicago, IL	1985
Chatham Hall, Chatham, VA Member, Board of Trustees	1973-1980
Member, Executive Committee	1976-1980
Suffolk University Visiting Committee, Boston, MA Appointed Member	1977-1979
Boston Public Library Board of Examiners, Boston, MA Appointed Member	1975-1977

Honors and Awards

University of Massachusetts Chancellors Medal	1999
Middlebury College Honorary Doctorate of Education	1998
American University Department of Education Myra Sadker Equity Award	1998
Virginia Association of Female Executives Award of Excellence for Education	1997
University of New England, College of Osteopathic Medicine Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters	1996
Georgia Society of Association Executives The Abit Massey Lecture Award	1995
The United Nations Association of Greater Boston Achievement Award for Leadership	1995

Simmons College, Alumnae Achievement Award	1993
American Society of Association Executives	
Certified Association Executive	1986
ASAE Fellow	1987
ASAE Key Award for Outstanding Leadership	1992
University of Massachusetts	
William H. Cosby, Jr. Award	1983
Boston YWCA	
Woman of the Year for Education	1976
Simmons College	
Crown Zellerbach Award for Academic Achievement	1971

Education

Ed.D.	University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA	
	Concentration in Higher Education	1978
	Doctoral Dissertation: <u>Faculty Collective Bargaining in Higher Education: A Case Study of the University of Massachusetts</u>	
B.A.	Simmons College, Boston, MA	
	English and Secondary Education	1971
	Member of Honor Society	1967-1971